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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MFA SEC GEN ELEKDAG

REF: (A) ANKARA 5597, (B) DILLON-EWING TELCONS 8/3/78

1. DEPT WELCOMES PROPOSED VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF TURKISH
MFA SEC GEN ELEKDAG (REF A) FOR DISCUSSION OF CONGRESSIONAL
ACTION TO LIFT TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO AND OTHER MATTERS.
IN AFTERMATH OF SENATE AND HOUSE VOTES LIFTING EMBARGO, WE
BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE A VERY USEFUL TIME TO DISCUSS A
RANGE OF ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN, INCLUDING DEFENSE AND
NATO COOPERATION, CYPRUS AND ECONOMIC MATTERS.

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2. REGARDING TIMING OF PROPOSED VISIT, OUR LATEST INFOR-
MATION INDICATES THAT SENATE-HOUSE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
MAY BEGIN MEETING TOWARD END OF NEXT WEEK, ALTHOUGH IT IS
NOT RPT NOT YET CERTAIN WHEN PROCESS WILL IN FACT BEGIN OR
WHICH SECTION OF BILL DEALING WITH EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN
WILL BE DISCUSSED. HOUSE CURRENTLY PLANS TO BEGIN RECESS

AUG 18. ACCORDINGLY, FOR TALKS TO BE MOST HELPFUL, WE URGE THAT ELEKDAG COME TO WASHINGTON AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE NEXT WEEK, PREFERABLY SO THAT DISCUSSIONS CAN BEGIN MONDAY, AUG 7.

3. FYI: DEPTOFF CONVEYED ABOVE INFORMATION TO TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL MID-DAY AUG 3. ESENBEL INDICATED THAT IN ADDITION TO DEPT COUNSELOR NIMETZ, ELEKDAG WOULD WANT TO SEE UNDERSECRETARY FOR ECONOMICS COOPER AND TREASURY OFFICIALS FOR DISCUSSION OF TURKISH ECONOMY. WE WILL TRY TO ARRANGE AS MANY APPOINTMENTS AS POSSIBLE. END FYI.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: CHARGE SHOULD CONTACT ELEKDAG AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND INDICATE DEPT WOULD WELCOME A VISIT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE NEXT WEEK. BECAUSE OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE TIMETABLE, WE WOULD URGE HIM TO COME MONDAY, AUG 7, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. VANCE

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